

## **City of Milton-Freewater Library Board Meeting Minutes**

The Library Board of the City of Milton-Freewater met Thursday, Sept 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Monahan Room of the Library, 8 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

The following members were present: Tricia Perez, Randy Reese, Judy Piper and Laurel Estes

Staff members present were: Library Director Lili Schmidt

Citizens present were: None

No press members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Yes

### **UPDATES:**

Library Director Schmidt gave updates on library statistics, contrasting how much busier the summer months are compared to spring and fall.

Library Director Schmidt gave the final summer reading statistics: how many people registered, how many people participated, how many hours were read by children. Children's and Adult registration was high, participation high. Teen registration was low, but those teens had a high level of participation.

Library Director discussed the September Friends of the Library Book Sale and how they made \$1413.50. Schmidt said more help was needed to set up and take down the sale.

Board members received a copy of the revised Fine-Free Policy set to go to council with City Manager Morris on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board officially voted to support the new policy with Piper making a motion to support, Reese seconding the motion and it passed with all 4 members supporting it.

Schmidt explained the Annual Library Service Plan and Report that she does each year for the Umatilla Co Special Library District board. She attached a copy of this year's presentation.

Other business:

Judy Piper asked if the library offers tutoring programs and the library does not. Tricia Perez said the schools do offer after school help to students who need it. Piper also asked if the board was interested in having a teen advisor on the Library Board. Schmidt said she will contact the school to see if there is interest in it.

Perez said the December Parade/Market would be a good opportunity for Library Outreach.

### **Action ITEMS:**

No action items for this meeting.

### **Recommendations:**

Board members unanimously voted to support the Fine Free Policy going to City Council on Oct 14.

Board members would like to meet every other month from now on. The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 4pm is acceptable to all still. Exception for Thanksgiving Holiday, Next meeting will be Thurs, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm

### **Board ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Randy Reese has contacted the University of Oregon regarding their catalog of Milton-Freewater Newspapers from the 1800-early 1900's and found out that while other local papers WERE included in their scanning process, it was decided Milton-Freewater newspapers would not be included in the project. Univ. of Oregon does have all the newspapers on microfilm. Reese, working with Don Larson (long time library/genealogy volunteer), looked through our microfilm

collection as well. Reese was interested in knowing the cost of scanning the microfilm to a searchable database and found the cost was about \$36,000 for 126 years of the Milton-Eagle/Valley Herald to be scanned. He will be looking for grant funding to see if this project is possible.

There being no further action or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes by Lili Schmidt

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Board Members